

FLAMES DESTROY COLONIAL HOME

Handsome Residence of W. S. Turner in Prairie, Burns to the Ground.

THREE STORY BUILDING

Loss Is Estimated At \$10,000. Only Partly Covered by Insurance.

The beautiful colonial home of Mr. W. S. Turner, located several miles east of Crawford, was totally destroyed by fire about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Turner were in Columbus when the news was received and they immediately left the city on the 10:30 Mobile & Ohio train for their plantation.

It is thought that the fire originated in the attic of the building and was caused from a defective flue.

The loss on the home, which is estimated at about \$10,000, was partly covered by insurance.

Mr. Turner's home was formerly known as the Hairston residence and was one of the prettiest places in the state, being furnished elegantly throughout.

Riley at Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, Miss., March 1.—Mr. Riley, candidate for governor, spoke at the county courthouse this afternoon at 1 o'clock to a very large crowd of Aberedeenians and voters from the county, who came in to attend. His speech was full of wit and humor, free from mudslinging and was well received by all who heard him. This is the third candidate for governor who has visited Aberdeen this year, Messrs. Quinn and Tally having been here last week.

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN IS STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Mr. Pete Geraud Is In Serious Condition at Home on South Third Street

Mr. Pete Geraud, one of the best known and most genial citizens of Columbus was stricken with paralysis at a late hour last Saturday night while en route from the business section of the city to his home on South Third street.

Although he was stricken in one side, Mr. Geraud was able to walk to his home. Dr. W. C. Brewer was summoned and gave him medical attention.

Mr. Geraud's condition yesterday was considered quite serious.

Chapsky-Townsley.

The marriage of Mr. A. Chapsky and Mrs. Lina Townsley, which occurred in Birmingham on last Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, is creating broad interest here and elsewhere.

Mr. Chapsky left here Sunday and went to Birmingham and the wedding was quietly solemnized at the home of the bride, and immediately after the ceremony they left for St. Louis where they will spend a fortnight.

The bride is a cultured and charming young woman and will be given a cordial welcome to Columbus.

Mr. Chapsky is a prominent and progressive citizen. He is a member of the firm of Lipsey and Chapsky and numbers his friends by his acquaintances.

Congratulations and heartiest good wishes are showered upon them.

SUPERVISORS HOLD MONTHLY SESSION

Important Business Transacted at Meeting Monday and Tuesday.

DISCUSS ROAD MATTERS

Judge J. L. Williams Tenders Resignation as J. of P. in District 1.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of supervisors of Lowndes county was held Monday and Tuesday at the court house and a large amount of important business was transacted. There were present at the meeting Hon. W. S. Newby, president; Messrs. R. G. Harris, H. H. Walters, C. A. Pilkington and J. M. Ledbetter, associate members of the board; Battle Bell, sheriff, and B. A. Lincoln, chancery clerk.

The following are the proceedings of the meeting.

The resignation of Judge Jones L. Williams, who has been justice of the peace in District 1 for more than a quarter of a century was received with regret by the board, and it was ordered that a special election be held on March 30 to fill the vacancy. There will also be an election held on the same date to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late A. R. Egger, a justice of the peace of said district.

It was ordered that George Coleman be relieved of poll tax on account of physical disabilities and that George Irion be refunded poll taxes on account of double assessment.

Ordered that the clerk draw warrants in favor of Allen Gravel Company for \$18.00 with protest fee of \$2.50 added thereto.

Ordered that Supervisors Walters and Harris be appointed a committee to interview E. L. Vaughn regarding a contemplated road running through his land and submit a report at the next meeting of board.

Ordered that Mrs. Patrick be allowed \$3.00 per month for temporary relief.

Ordered that a pair of mules for use of convicts on roads be purchased.

It was also ordered that a net be purchased for use of convicts on roads.

Ordered that Weaver & Harrington be awarded contract for dipping vat supplies as follows: Arsenic, \$6.65 per 100 pounds; sal soda, 1 1/4 cents per pound, and 34 cents per 100 pounds for tar.

Ordered that Luther Hughes be relieved from payment of poll tax on account of physical disabilities and that Jim Young be refunded poll tax on account of being under age.

Ordered that all bids for road work in Mayhew Road Taxing district be rejected and clerk instructed to advertise for new bids.

W. E. Partain was awarded contract for working roads in district No. 4 at \$225 per month.

Ordered that W. P. Boyd be refunded road tax on account of physical disabilities.

Ordered that lot in square No. 81, north of Main street, valued at \$200 and assessed to colored Odd Fellows, be relieved of taxation.

The highway commissioners of the Artesia Road Taxing district requested permission to withdraw their recommendation fixing amount of bonds to be sold and same was granted.

Ordered that action providing for an election in Penn Road Taxing district be rescinded and all matters pertaining to same district be deferred until next regular meeting.

Ordered that petition of O. F. Robinson et al., filed at Janu-

BOTH: "HE SEEMS TO BE HUMAN."



—Fitzgerald in St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE IS ENTERED BY NEGRO MEN

Handicraft Shop is Robbed of Goods Which are Later Recovered—Thieves Arrested.

Probably "because the war is on" or because they didn't have anything else to do, several negroes entered the Handicraft Shop, on Market street, after 12 o'clock Tuesday night and appropriated seven stylish hats, all kinds of hair goods, fancy work and embroidery amounting to about \$125. The articles stolen were later found by Policemen Cummings and Cook at the home of Joe Billups, a negro, and were returned to Mrs. A. L. McGeorge, who is in charge of the establishment.

The robbery was first suspected by Mr. J. H. Donovan, proprietor of the Stone Hotel, which is located over the Handicraft Shop. Mr. Donovan heard something in the millinery establishment and had one of his porters telephone police headquarters while he went to investigate. Upon reaching the ground floor, Mr. Donovan saw three negroes jump quickly into a hack and ride away. On the sidewalk and in the street were found hats, hair and some other things that were stolen.

Several arrests were made yesterday and stolen goods were found on one of the parties locked up. The negroes arrested were: Joe Billups, Harvey Moore, Wiley Hampton and Jim Lee, the latter being accused of having driven the hack in which the thieves made their escape.

Mrs. R. B. Nolen and two attractive children, who have been visiting Judge and Mrs. C. L. Moore, left yesterday for their home in Blytheville, Ark., accompanied by Judge Moore, who will spend the coming week in Arkansas.

Mr. J. V. Mitchell was among the Artesia citizens who spent Tuesday in Columbus.

any meeting of board asking for public road be granted.

Ordered that telephone be removed from county jail.

Ordered that attorney for board be instructed to look into details of transaction concerning sale of lot to J. N. Roberts.

Ordered that Willis Hudson be refunded poll tax on account of under age.

Ordered that 15 cars of gravel be shipped to Artesia during the month of May.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Gist of the News From Over the Country Given in a Brief Form.

Six hundred men employed in the shops of the Monon railroad in Indianapolis went to work Monday after six week's idleness.

Asa Goodwin, the oldest citizen of Alabama, died at his home in Bessemer, Ala., Sunday, and was buried Monday on his 108th birthday. Mr. Goodwin for a number of years lived in this state. He was known to have 400 direct descendants.

As a result of the rigid enforcement of the new drug law in Mississippi, five persons in Jackson have applied for admittance to the state insane asylum. The State-wide prohibition bill passed the house Monday in Utah, having already passed the Senate.

The D. A. R. of Mississippi are meeting this week in Natchez.

The American flag which flew over the steamship Dacia, captured last week by a French cruiser and taken into Brest, has been hauled down and the American consul at Brest is sending the Dacia's crew back to New York City, according to cablegrams received in New York Monday.

Regular \$7.50 skirts now \$2.50. Lipsey & Chapsky

FRIERSON IS RE-ELECTED SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Board of Trustees Held Important Business Meeting Tuesday Morning.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the public schools of Columbus was held Tuesday morning at the Franklin Academy and the members present were President H. L. Whitfield, of the I. J. and C., Dr. J. W. Lipscomb and Messrs. J. T. Searcy and W. N. Puckett.

The most important action taken by the board was the re-election of Prof. W. V. Frierson, Jr., as superintendent of the city schools.

Another meeting of the trustees will be held in April, at which time applications from teachers for positions in the schools of Columbus will be received.

The board was represented at a meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening in the interest of improvements needed at the Union Academy, the colored school.

Dr. and Mrs. Will Richard's friends regret to know that their little son, William, has been seriously ill for the past few days.

Ask Mr. Foster?

Sunday evening dinner, New Bell Cafe from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock, 40c. Princess orchestra.

ANTIQUOR LAWS UPHOLD BY STATE SUPREME COURT

Death Blow to Booze Is Dealt From Supreme Court.

LOCKER CLUBS OUTLAWED

No More Liquor in Social Organizations—Uphold May-Mott-Lewis Statute.

Jackson, Miss., March 1.—The Mississippi Supreme Court today upheld the constitutionality of the May-Mott-Lewis law enacted at the last session of the Legislature prohibiting the keeping of intoxicants in social clubs. In its decision the court quoted the following:

"Whisky is a good thing in its place. There is nothing like it in preserving a man when he is dead. If you want to keep him in whisky; if you want to kill a live man put whisky in him."

On every point on which it was attacked, the anti-liquor shipping law of 1914, known colloquially as the "May-Mott-Lewis" act, taking its name from the three distinguished representatives who produced it in collaboration, was sustained. It was first attacked on the "one gallon-at-a-time" limitation. When an express company refused to receive an excess shipment. That case was appealed from Warren county several months ago, and was sustained throughout.

The next point of attack was on the constitutionality of the clause which in effect outlawed the private "locker clubs," such as Elks, Owls, Eagles and sundry other social clubs, at which the rules by-laws permitted the members to maintain a private locker, and therein store their supply of wet goods. There were two cases which have been before the supreme court, involving this same point, and each of them appealed by the state from decision adverse to the law, in two different county courts.

Big Vitagraph Feature at Princess Today.

The Princess offers as a special attraction for today, the Vitagraph Broadway Star feature, "How Cissy Made Good," a comedy in 3 reels, featuring the entire Vitagraph company of stars. In this comedy we are offering a genuine laugh producer and at the same time the largest cast of stars that have ever been offered in any picture.

Two other good pictures are on the same program. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

Miss Grace Lawrence is steadily improving after an operation at the McKinley Sanatorium for appendicitis. For several days her condition was serious and gave her friends considerable uneasiness, and news of her convalescence is received with pleasure.

Mr. J. L. Beaty has returned from a business trip to Vernon, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a daughter into their home and which they have named Frances Leware.

Mr. J. N. Roberts, a prominent citizen from Artesia, was a visitor to Columbus Tuesday.

Mr. Olin Storey, who has been attending the University of Alabama, spent Tuesday in Columbus en route to Fayette, Ala., where he will practice law.

GERMANY READY TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS

Submarines Will Investigate Before Proceeding Against Ships in War Zone.

MAKES A REPLY TO NOTE

Belligerents are Unable With Safety to Do Away With Mines Entirely.

Berlin, March 2.—In its reply to the American note concerning the German naval war zone, the German government agrees that, under certain conditions, its submarines will halt and investigate merchantmen and will proceed against only such vessels as are found to be carrying contraband or are owned in nations hostile to Germany.

The reply declares Germany's readiness to accept virtually all of the American proposals except the one which would restrict the use of anchored mines to purely defensive purposes. The German government expresses the belief that belligerents cannot afford to abandon entirely the use of anchored mines for offensive operations. It is willing to consider the abandonment of floating mines.

In case German submarines take action, after investigation, against merchantmen carrying contraband or owned in hostile countries, it is agreed that such action will be in accordance with the general rules of international law. This presupposes, however, the abandonment of the use of neutral flags by merchantmen of hostile nations or the arming of such merchantmen. If such tactics were employed, Germany contends, it would be impossible to restrict the operations of submarines in this matter.

DR. J. L. JOHNSON DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Prominent Baptist Preacher Passes Away At His Home in Clinton.

Dr. J. L. Johnson, aged 79 years, one of the most prominent Baptist divine in Mississippi, died Tuesday at his home in Clinton after a long illness.

Dr. Johnston was pastor of the First Baptist church in this city for several years and was universally loved. After retiring from active ministerial work, he was elected president of Mississippi College, which position he held with satisfaction until he retired on account of ill health.

The death of this prominent man causes widespread regret. Funeral services were held yesterday at the family home in Clinton.

Stockholders Notice.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Columbus, Miss., will be held in the banking rooms of the corporation on Monday, March 8th, 1915, at nine o'clock a. m. to transact such business as may regularly come before the meeting. PARKER REEVES, Cashier, 2t.

Mr. Jack Montgomery, of Meridian, was in Columbus Tuesday on business.

Mr. J. W. Clark's friends are glad to see him out after a two weeks' illness.

Senator Clayton Potter and Mr. Frank Hull, of Jackson, spent the first of the week in Columbus on business.

NOTICE!

FROM THE
Columbus Railway, Light & Power Co.
To the Consumers of
Gas and Electricity

An order has been issued by the Company that all consumers not paying their bills by the 10th of the following month, their meters must be removed. This order will be strictly adhered to.

Effective March 11, 1915.

CHAS. HAYS, Mgr.